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1. On 13 February, 2,000 Chinese Communist troops were moving in the evening from Wangsip-ni, a district of Seoul, in the direction of Taenung (126-36, 37-38). The troops were equipped with Soviet rifles and each man carried four hand grenades. Each battalion included a heavy mechanized company and a large number of mortars and anti-tank guns.
2. According to the statements of some Chinese, the Chinese Communist troops in Korea are fighting separately from the North Koreans but may engage in common operations.
3. The sole source of the Chinese Communist food supply in the Seoul area in mid-February was confiscation of local stores, except for several boxes, of match-box size, containing yellow corn meal, carried by each soldier. For emergencies, the corn meal combined with hot water doubles in bulk and allays hunger on long marches. The Chinese Communist troops carry small bottles of a white opium liquid compound to drink just before attacking.
4. The Seoul population is mainly refugees returning from the north. All are suffering from a food shortage resulting from the North Korean and Chinese Communist indifference to civilian supply.
5. In mid-February in Seoul there were no Communist organization signboards on the buildings, in contrast to the former North Korean occupation.

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